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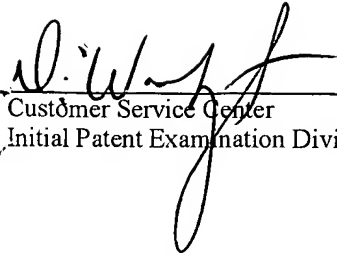
The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply mailed 31 August 2004, Applicants submit the following:

1. Replacement sheet Fig. 17C of drawings.
2. Copy of Notice of Incomplete Reply.

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